IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A program receiver comprising:

a plurality of tuners each receiving a program;

first output means for outputting the program received by the first tuner;

second output means for outputting a program received by a tuner other than the first tuner; and

switching means for changing an output of the first output means to an output of the second output means in response to a start signal input from an outside, and for changing the output of the second output means to the output of the first output means in response to an end signal input from the outside after passage of a predetermined time, wherein

the second output means outputs the program received by the first tuner or sequentially outputs different programs received by the tuner other than the first tuner.

2. (Original) A program receiver comprising:

a tuner which receives a program;

first output means for outputting the program on one main channel;

second output means for outputting the program on a channel other than the main channel; and

switching means for changing an output of the first output means to an output of the second output means in response to a start signal input from an outside, and for changing the output of the second output means to the output of the first output means in response to an end signal input from the outside after passage of a predetermined time, wherein

the second output means outputs the program on one channel or sequentially outputs different programs on a plurality of channels, respectively.

3. (Currently Amended) The program receiver according to claim 1 [[or 2]], comprising continuation means for continuously outputting the program while the second output means is outputting the program.

4. (Currently Amended) The program receiver according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the second output means sequentially outputs the programs on a plurality of channels within a predetermined time, and sequentially outputs the programs on the channels starting at the last channel when the output of the first output means is changed to the output of the second output means next time.

5. (Currently Amended) The program receiver according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]]1 [[to 4]], wherein the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) The program receiver according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]]1 [[to 4]], wherein the start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is generated after the passage of a predetermined time.

7. (New) The program receiver according to claim 2, comprising continuation means for continuously outputting the program while the second output means is outputting the program.

8. (New) The program receiver according to claim 2, wherein the second output means sequentially outputs the programs on a plurality of channels within a predetermined time, and sequentially outputs the programs on the channels starting at the last channel when the output of the first output means is changed to the output of the second output means next time.

9. (New) The program receiver according to claim 2, wherein the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively.

10. (New) The program receiver according to claim 3, wherein the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an

3

end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively.

11. (New) The program receiver according to claim 7, wherein
the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively.

12. (New) The program receiver according to claim 4, wherein
the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively.

13. (New) The program receiver according to claim 8, wherein
the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively.

14. (New) The program receiver according to claim 2, wherein
the start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is generated after the passage of a predetermined time.

15. (New) The program receiver according to claim 3, wherein
the start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is generated after the passage of a predetermined time.

16. (New) The program receiver according to claim 7, wherein
the start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is generated after the passage of a predetermined time.

17. (New) The program receiver according to claim 4, wherein
the start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is generated after the passage of a predetermined time.

18. (New) The program receiver according to claim 8, wherein
the start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is

4

generated after the passage of a predetermined time.